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1. WITH SOME PAIN, WISH TO STATE THAT ONE GOAL OF OURS
FOR THE COMING YEAR IS NOT TO OVERLOOK DEADLINES OF SORT
MENTIONED REFTELS. FOLLOWING IS KEYED TO PARAGRAPHS IN
STATE 295615.

2. CONCERNING GOAL NUMBER 1, VARIETY OF DIPLOMATIC AND
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS IN ARAB WORLD IN LAST FIVE YEARS
HAVE UNDERCUT THE POSITION OF SOVIETS AND RADICAL ARABS
IN YEMEN AND MADE OUR RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS IN 1972 A PROPITIOUS OCCASION FOR REORIENTING
THE YAR TOWARDS MODERATE ARABS LIKE SAUDIS AND FRIENDS
LIKE THE U.S. WE HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY HERE, BUT IT IS
DERIVATIVE AND DEPENDENT. OUR ROLE IN YEMEN WILL CONTINUE
TO BE EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL AS LONG AS ARABS CONTINUE TO
BELIEVE IN OUR ROLE IN MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND
AS LONG AS THE SAUDIS CONTINUE TO SEEK OUR PARTNERSHIP
IN DEALING WITH THE YEMEN GOVERNMENT. PROSPECTS OF OUR
SUCCESS HERE THUS SEEM BASICALLY GOOD.

--EMBASSY OFFICIALS ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH A BROAD
RANGE OF YEMENI POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND, STARING WITH
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THE PRESIDENT, WE DISCUSS THE BENEFITS OF REORIENTATION
FOR A SMALL COUNTRY WHOSE FIRST CONCERNS ARE STABILITY,
DEVELOPMENT AND A NEW DIGNITY AND MODERATION IN THE ARAB
WORLD. WE PROVIDE CRUCIAL ELEMENTS OF CONFIDENCE,
IDEAS, BACKING BEYOND ABILITY SAUDIS TO PURCHASE
YEMENIS APPRECIATE THIS.

--THE EMBASSY HAS HAD NO SUCCESS WHATSOEVER IN ENCOURAGING HIGH LEVEL STATE DEPARTMENT VISITORS TO COME TO YEMEN. NONE HAVE COME SINCE THREE YEARS AGO, WHEN A DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MADE A BRIEF VISIT. HOWEVER, WE HAVE EFFECTIVELY DRAFTED U.S. AMBASSADORS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, U.S. ACADEMICIANS IN THE AREA, PROMINENT US BUSINESSMEN, COMIDEASTFOR AND A NUMBER OF VERY EFFECTIVE AND HIGH-RANKING VISITORS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO MANIFEST OUR CONCERN TO LOCAL LEADERS FOR THEIR PROSPERITY AND SECURITY,

--OUR INTELLIGENCE LIAISON, BEGUN A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO, HAS BEGUN TO BEAR FRUIT IN FORM OF COOPERATION IN COUNTERING RADICALISM AND TERRORISM. WE ARE HELPING YEMENIS TO COLLECT INFORMATION AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IT WILL INCREASE OUR INTELLIGENCE AND SUPPORT WHICH WE HAVE RECEIVED IN THE PAST FROM LOCAL SECURITY OFFICIALS AGAINST THOSE ELUSIVE THREATS.

--ALL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC LEADERS IN YEMEN ARE YOUNG. THE PRESIDENT IS IN HIS MID-30S. WE ARE TARGETING OUR EXCHANGE, SCHOLARSHIP, CULTURAL AND INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS ON THE RIGHT LEADERS. STATE DEPARTMENT EXCHANGES AND SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE PAST YEAR AND CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS IN ENCOURAGING THE NEW ELITE IN THIS COUNTRY, WHOSE UNIVERSITY GRADUATES STILL NUMBER LESS THAN 1000. MORE SECRET

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IMPORTANT, THE AID MISSION HAS VASTLY EXPANDED ITS PROGRAM FOR TRAINING AND EXPECTS TO BE ABLE TO SPEND BETWEEN 15 AND 20 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS FOR DEGREE AND NON DEGREE PROGRAMS OUTSIDE YEMEN AND TEACHER TRAINING INSIDE THE COUNTRY. THIS IS THE CUTTING EDGE OF OUR PRESENCE IN YEMEN. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DO MORE THAN ANY OTHER COUNTRY TO SHAPE THE COMING GENERATION. WE CAN TAKE A SPECIAL PRIDE IN THIS ROLE. INFORMATION PROGRAMS ARE ONLY BEGINNING THIS YEAR BUT WILL ASSUME A HIGHER PRIORITY AS DEVELOPMENT OCCURS IN THE LOCAL MEDIA, ESPECIALLY TELEVISION AND NEWSPAPERS. YEMEN WILL REMAIN FOR SOME TIME A HIGHLY PERSONALISTIC SOCIETY WHERE MOST IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS AND, INDEED, FORMATION OF PUBLIC OPINION TAKES PLACE IN INNUMERABLE FACE-TO-FACE DISCUSSIONS. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE GOING TO BEGIN AN EFFORT TO SUBMIT ARTICLES AND PLACE NEWS ITEMS DIRECTLY TO MEDIA AS WELL AS TOP LEADERS. IN THE LAST YEAR, WE MOUNTED OUR FIRST CULTURAL PRESENTATION, AND WE EXPECT TO DO MORE IN THE FUTURE BY ASSIDUOUSLY MIXING PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH FILM SHOWS AND BOOK PRESENTATIONS. WE HAVE NURTURED AND EMBRYONIC YEMENI UNDERSTANDING OF OUR SOCIETY BY LEADER GRANTS. PRIVATE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS HAVE TAKEN A GREAT LEAP FORWARD,

HOWEVER, AS A RESULT OF EMBASSY'S COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT EFFORTS TO SHAPE A CONSORTIUM OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES WHO WANT TO PURSUE RESEARCH IN YEMEN. FOURTEEN UNIVERSITIES HAVE ALREADY PLEDGED TO DEVOTE MEN AND MONEY TO THIS PROJECT AND YEMEN GOVERNMENT HAS GRANTED OFFICIAL PERMISSION AND SUPPORT FOR AN AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR STUDY IN YEMEN. SIMILARLY, OUR INDEPENDENT CORRESPONDENCE WITH BUSINESSMEN AND UNIVERSITIES HAS PROVIDED PLACEMENT OF BOTH MEN AND WOMEN IN COURSES IN THE UNITED STATES.

--WITH MILITARY AID, PEACE CORPS, USIS, INTELLIGENCE AND POLITICAL PROGRAMS LARGELY ON TRACK, EMBASSY MADE THE COMMERCIAL PROGRAM FIRST PRIORITY THIS YEAR AND LAST. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN MIXED. ALTHOUGH THE PROGRAM HAS TAKEN
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UP TO HALF OF THE TIME OF THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM AND DRAWS ON THE EFFORTS OF MANY OTHER PERSONS IN THE EMBASSY, THE CHAOTIC LOCAL TENDERING PROCESS, THE PROBLEMS WITH GETTING INFORMATION IN YEMEN AND THE NEWNESS OF THE MARKET HAVE MADE IT VERY DIFFICULT TO ATTRACT AND ENGAGE AMERICAN COMPANIES. NEVERTHELESS, YEMEN IS ON THE VERGE OF A BOOM. WE BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS ARE BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT, BOTH IN CONTRACTS AS WELL AS A GREATER FLOW OF AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN TO YEMEN. WE CANNOT KEEP UP WITH THE INTEREST WE HAVE CREATED WITHOUT AN FSO COMMERCIAL OFFICER. YEMENI REMITTANCES WILL GO UP TO \$1.5 BILLION THIS YEAR. AID DISBURSEMENTS WILL PLATEAU AT \$250 MILLION ANNUALLY BY NEXT YEAR. WE CAN AND SHOULD CASH IN.

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3. CONCERNING GOAL NUMBER 2 IN STATE 295615, WE JUDGE IT NECESSARY TO SHARPLY REDUCE THE HOPES WE HAD FOR GROWING YEMENI LINKS IN THE RED SEA LITTORAL COMMUNITY. THE MASSIVE AND HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ETHIOPIA HAS BEEN DECISIVE IN HALTING THE WILLINGNESS OF SOME LEADERS IN PDRY TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE SAUDIS, THE YEMENIS AND THE OMANIS. THE PROSPECTIVE DESTRUCTION OF THE ARMY OF SOMALIA AND THE POSSIBLE OVERTHROW OF THE REGIME IN MOGADISCIO WILL PROVIDE AN UNMISTAKABLE LESSON FOR ALL GOVERNMENTS WHO SEEK TO OPPOSE THE SOVIETS IN THIS CORNER OF THE WORLD; IT MAY ALSO LEAD TO PDRY BECOMING, ONCE AGAIN, A BASE FOR OPEN AGGRESSION AGAINST ITS NEIGHBORS AND ACCELERATED SUBVERSION THROUGHOUT THE PENINSULA. SOVIET SUCCESS IN ETHIOPIA WILL ALSO PREVENT THE DISMEMBERMENT OF THAT COUNTRY AND THUS LIMIT THE CONTACTS WHICH MODERATE YEMENIS EXPECTED TO HAVE WITH INDEPENDENT ERITREA AND DJIBOUTI. YEMENIS ON THE HIGHEST LEVEL HAVE ALREADY WARNED US OFFICIALS THAT WE SHOULD EXPECT NEIGHBORS IN THE RED SEA TO EXPLORE PRIVATE ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS AND RADICALS RATHER THAN OPPOSE THESE GROUPS, BUT THE IMMEDIATE PROSPECT FOR YEMENI DIPLOMACY IS LIKELY TO BE A SHOW OF SOLIDARITY FOR SOMALIA IN THE FORM OF A RED SEA CONFERENCE WHICH EXCLUDES ETHIOPIA AND SOUTH YEMEN. THE TRENDS IN THIS AREA ARE ALL BAD.

-- AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF YAR PRESIDENT HAMDI, AS BEFORE IT, WE URGED THE ENTIRE YEMENI LEADERSHIP TO OVER-SECRET

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LOOK THE INEVITABLE ANTIPATHIES THAT DEVELOP BETWEEN VERY RICH AND VERY POOR NEIGHBORS AND SEEK BETTER RELATIONS AND MORE CONTACTS WITH THE SAUDIS ON ALL LEVELS. SINCE THE ASSASSINATION, THE SAUDIS APPEAR TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT IN SANA WHICH IS MUCH MORE ACCOMMODATING TO THEIR DESIRES AND THEIR VIEWS OF A PROPER YEMENI ROLE BUT, AT THE SAME TIME, SUSPICION AND RANK DISLIKE OF THE SAUDIS IS DEEPER AND MORE OPEN THAN EVER. WE HAVE URGED LOCAL SAUDIS TO EXPAND THEIR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND PUT OFF POLITICAL DEMANDS WHICH WOULD UPSET THE IMPORTANT POLITICAL BALANCES IN YEMEN BETWEEN NORTHERN TRIBES AND SOUTHERN TECHNOCRATS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS, TRADITIONALISTS AND MODERNIZERS. WE BELIEVE BORDER ISSUE WILL BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AND DIVISIVE. WE HAVE, IN ANY CASE, ENCOURAGED YEMENIS TO BE FLEXIBLE WHERE THEY CAN AND FIRM WHERE THEY MUST AND ABOVE ALL TO EXPAND THEIR DIALOGUE WITH THE SAUDIS. WE EXPECT THAT YEMENIS WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK OUR HELP FROM TIME TO TIME AS AN INTERLOCUTOR EVEN THOUGH THEY QUESTION OUR INFLUENCE ON

THE SAUDIS.

-- AS NOTED EARLIER, YAR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TOWARD THE PDRY, WHICH APPEARED TO BE INTERESTED IN A RE-ORIENTATION IN SOME WAYS SIMILAR TO THAT EXPERIENCED IN YEMEN, ARE PROBABLY HALTED FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.

-- SIMILARLY, DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES TO LIMIT THE OPPOSITION OF RADICAL GOVERNMENTS SUCH AS ETHIOPIA ARE LIKELY TO BE LIMITED AND AMBIGUOUS.

-- AID HAS MOVED TO FUND SOME TRAINING PROGRAMS WHICH WERE DEVELOPED ON THE BASIS OF UN ADVICE AND WE ARE CAREFULLY CALCULATING OUR OVERALL AID EFFORT -- BOTH THROUGH THE PEACE CORPS AND AID -- TO CONFORM TO EFFORTS GENERATED BY THE WORLD BANK AND OTHER DONORS LIKE THE SAUDIS. IN SOME AREAS, LIKE RURAL

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DEVELOPMENT AND FEASIBILITY STUDIES, WE ARE BREAKING NEW GROUND WHICH OTHER REGIONAL DONORS CAN DEVELOPE WITH THEIR CAPITAL SURPLUSES.

-- WE HAVE ENCOURAGED YAR EFFORTS TO LESSEN SOVIET PRESENCE IN THE COUNTRY, BUT, DESPITE LOSS OF PRESTIGE AND INFLUENCE, USSR IS STILL VERY ACTIVE IN WIDE RANGE OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL EFFORTS HERE. OUR MUCH REPEATED ADMONITION, FOR INSTANCE, TO REDUCE OR END THE SOVIET MILITARY MISSION OF 150 PERSONNEL HAS SO FAR FALLEN ON DEAF EARS. UNTIL THE YEMENI ARMY HAS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE TO THE TRAINING AND ADVICE OF SOVIET EXPERTS, IT IS UNLIKELY TO MOVE PRECIPITOUSLY IN THIS FIELD. WE ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE YEMENIS ARE FRANKLY SOBERED BY PUNISHMENT BEING METED OUT TO SOMALI REGIME WHICH OUSTED SOVIETS.

4. WITH REGARD TO GOAL NUMBER 3 IN STATE 295615, THIS EMBASSY TAKES PRIDE IN ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A NEW IMAGE OF THE UNITED STATES, ONE CONCERNED WITH SOCIAL CHANGE RATHER THAN STRATIFICATION, WITH THE RULE OF LAW RATHER THAN MEN, WITH AN OPEN SOCIETY RATHER THAN A POWER STRUCTURE, AND WITH HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL FORMS. WE HAVE DELIBERATELY PROGRAMMED CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS LIKE SENATOR ABOUREZK, POLITICAL SCIENTIST MALCOLM KERR, ECONOMIST TOM STAUFFER, LABOR LEADER JAMES FARMER AND FEMINIST MOUNA HAMAM TO TALK TO LARGE AND ARGUMENTATIVE AUDIENCES ABOUT THE AMERICAN POLITICAL PROCESS, THE US ROLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT, THE IMPACT OF OIL ON THE ECONOMIES OF DEVELOPING AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, CIVIL RIGHTS IN THE UNITED STATES FOR BLACKS AND THE WOMEN'S MOVEMENT. THESE LECTURERS ARE TOLD TO PULL NO PUNCHES IN CRITICIZING THEIR OWN COUNTRY OR IN TRUMPETING ITS SUCCESSES AND INITIATIVES. THE MIXTURE OF CANDOR AND PRIDE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN

OUR TARGET GROUPS.

-- WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE YAR GOVERNMENT'S COMMIT-
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MENT TO IMPROVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS CHIEFLY IN REGARD TO
OUR INSISTENT EFFORTS TO INQUIRE AFTER THE WELFARE OF THE
FEW YEMENI-AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED
IN THE LAST YEAR. THE MEDIEVAL ISLAMIC CODE OF LAW STILL
IN FORCE IN YEMEN, PLUS THE HISTORICAL INSECURITY OF THE
REPUBLICAN REVOLUTION IN YEMEN AGAINST THE ROYALISTS, HAS
NOT CREATED AN UNDERSTANDING OR RECEPTIVE ATTITUDE ON THE
PART OF YEMENIS IN THE MATTER OF POLITICAL RIGHTS AND
LEGAL IMMUNITIES OF CITIZENS. WE HAVE REPEATEDLY URGED,
HOWEVER, THAT YEMENIS SEEK TO BROADEN THE BASE OF THEIR
GOVERNMENT THROUGH ELECTIONS AND SOME KIND OF PARLIAMENT
AND NOTE WITH PLEASURE THE DECISION, IN THE LAST MONTH,
OF THE NEW PRESIDENT TO MOVE IN PRECISELY THESE DIRECTIONS.
WE ALSO CAN REPORT WITH ASTONISHMENT THAT THE NEW
PRESIDENT HAS PROMULGATED A LAW WHICH ESTABLISHES

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SPECIFICALLY AND AT LENGTH ALL THE WESTERN RIGHTS OF AN
ARRESTED PERSON. PRIME MINISTER TOLD DAVID ROCKEFELLER
THAT INSPIRATION OF THIS LAW WAS UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION REMAIN, HOWEVER, AND WE ARE
NOT AS SANGUINE ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO INFLUENCE YEMENIS
ON LEGAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS TO THE SAME EXTENT AS WE
CAN INFLUENCE THEM WHERE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS ARE
CONCERNED.

--YEMENIS ARE BROADLY AWARE OF OUR DESIRE FOR A UNITY BETWEEN THE GROUPS AND PARTS OF YEMENS AND OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO BE IDENTIFIED WITH ANY PARTY OR SIDE. OUR ACCESS IS PRESENTLY GOOD ENOUGH TO URGE YEMENIS TO THINK BEYOND TEMPORARY POLITICAL ALLIANCES AND STRATEGEMS TO THE LONG TERM INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY AND WE CAN AND DO URGE THEM TO MAKE THE MOST OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SOCIAL FLEXIBILITY.

--ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS MOUNTED BY AID SHOULD RUN AT ABOUT 15 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. THESE PROGRAMS ARE NOW LINKED TO A STRATEGY WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR DOCTRINES AND SUITED TO YEMENIS NEEDS. THE PEACE CORPS SHOULD EXPAND TO ABOUT 75 VOLUNTEERS, MOSTLY IN HEALTH. WE ARE PRESSING THE COMMERCIAL SECTION SO HEAVILY BECAUSE IT IS PROSPECTIVELY AN EVEN BETTER SOURCE THAN THE US GOVERNMENT OF CAPITAL, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INSTITUTION BUILDING AND TRAINING.

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--WE DO NOT KNOW OF ANY NEED TO WIDEN YEMENI TRADE PRACTICES, SINCE THE LEGAL AND INTELLECTUAL ENVIRONMENT WHICH US COMPANIES FIND IN YEMEN IS ALREADY VERY PERMISSIVE. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, FORCEFULLY URGED YEMENIS TO ESTABLISH FIRM PLANNING AND TENDERING PROCEDURES TO AVOID THE CORRUPTION WHICH WILL FLOURISH, TO THE DETRIMENT OF US COMPANIES, IN CONDITIONS OF IGNORANCE AND LACK OF STRUCTURE.

5. CONCERNING GOAL NUMBER 4 OF STATE 295615, WE HAVE MOVED IN THE PAST YEAR FROM THE PROBLEMS OF HAVING NO MILITARY SUPPLY RELATIONSHIP TO THE PROBLEM OF HAVING AN EXPANDING ONE. IN THE CONTEXT OF YEMEN AND THE PENINSULA, OUR PRESENT PROBLEM IS INFINITELY PREFERABLE TO OUR PAST ONE. HOWEVER, THE PRACTICAL TASK OF INTEGRATING US WEAPONRY INTO YEMEN THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF THE LOCAL SAUDI MILITARY MISSION IS CONSIDERABLE. CLOSER CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE LARGE U.S. MISSION IN SAUDI ARABIA AND THE SAUDI MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THERE WILL BE NECESSARY, AS WILL AN EXPANDED EFFORT ON OUR PART HERE IN YEMEN TO HELP WITH TRAINING AND LOGISTICS SUPPORT. WE ARE PRESENTLY MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AND WITH TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT ALREADY IN THE COUNTRY, IT IS NONE TOO SOON.

--WE THINK THE SAUDIS ARE ON THE BRINK OF EXPANDING THEIR SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO YEMEN, TO INCLUDE AIR AS WELL AS GROUND MODERNIZATION. THE SAUDIS PLAN TO ASK FOR F-5S. WHILE THIS WILL INCREASE PROBLEMS OF

TRAINING AND LOGISTICS, WE SEE THE PROBLEMS AS SOLVABLE
WITH FULL CONSULTATION AND PRIOR PLANNING. A LOT OF
SAUDI MONEY IS GOING TO BE REQUIRED ALSO, AS WELL AS
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IMPROVED HABITS OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN SAUDI AND YEMENI
MILITARY COMMANDERS.

--TO MAKE THE PRESENT PROGRAM WORK, WE WILL PROBABLY
HAVE TO DEVISE NEW WAYS OF SUPPORTING AND ASSISTING IN
MILITARY MODERNIZATION AND REORGANIZATION. WE SHOULD
LIMIT OUR ROLE, BUT NOT HOPE TO ESCAPE INVOLVEMENT AL-
TOGETHER. OR EXCELLENT CONTACT IN SANA IN BOTH SAUDI
AND YEMENI CIRCLES SHOULD FACILITATE A SLIGHTLY EXPANDED
ROLE FOR U.S. MTT'S AND TEMPORARY ADVISORY PERSONNEL. WE
WANT TO KEEP OUR PRESENCE HERE VERY SMALL, HOWEVER.

--THE SUCCESS OF THE MILITARY TRAINING ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM IS CRUCIAL FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL
REASONS. TO CUT THE PRESENT YEMENI FAILURE RATE OF
50 PERCENT WILL REQUIRE A LOCAL SCHOOL TO BRING YEMENIS TO
A CERTAIN LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY IN ENGLISH BEFORE THEY
GO TO THE UNITED STATES. THE SCHOOL WILL ALSO SCREEN
OUT OFFICERS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FOR POLITICAL
REASONS EVEN THOUGH THEY LACK THE NECESSARY TALENT. U.S.
SUPPORT FOR SUCH A SCHOOL IS UNORTHODOX, BUT IN THE
CONTEXT OF YEMEN, A VERY IMPORTANT STEP IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION IF WE ARE EVERY TO DEVELOP A CADRE OF ENGLISH-
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